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REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-11 and 13-34 are pending in this application. All claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bonnell. None of the claims is currently amended. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Applicant previously argued that Bonnell fails to teach reconfiguration of how network traffic is processed. In response, the Office states at page 15 of the OA that Bonnell teaches modifying "event logs" at col. 7, lines 32-44, which is equivalent to reconfiguration. Applicant respectfully traverses. The Bonnell event log is a recording of something that has happened in the past. Col. 7, lines 25-26 As described by Bonnell in the passage cited by the Office the event log has no apparent effect on future processing. In contrast, the presently claimed invention reconfigures how network traffic will be processed in the future. Hence, the Bonnell event log is distinguished by being a recording of past events rather than a setting that changes future behavior.

The Office appears to argue that writing to a memory cache in order to update an event log is itself a reconfiguration. Applicant respectfully traverses. A configuration (and reconfiguration) of a network device includes changing a setting that effects future behavior. It is not merely changing bits in a memory for any purpose whatsoever. In this application the future behavior that is effected is the manner in which network traffic is processed. The "reconfiguration" of memory described by Bonnell has no apparent effect on future traffic processing. Again, it is merely an indication of an event which occurred in the past.

The Office also concludes that since Bonnell teaches modifying an agent and a console, Bonnell therefore teaches reconfiguring how network devices process traffic. However, that

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conclusion is not supported by the statement that Bonnell teaches modifying an agent and a console. Again, Bonnell describes modifying an agent and console by updating an event log. There is no teaching in Bonnell that modifying the agent or console will in any way result in reconfiguring how network devices process traffic.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned, Applicants' Attorney at 978-264-6664 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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